

United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi
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Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Grinnell 1969 BA; Yale 1972 JD
Began Service: October 1985
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Academic: Adjunct Instructor, Golden Gate University (1975-1976);
Adjunct Lecturer, Tidewater Community College (1976); Adjunct
Professor, School of Law, Mississippi College (1978-1984); Lecturer,
Mississippi Judicial College (1980-1984); Lecturer, University of Houston
Law Center (1984); Instructor, Jackson State University; National College
of District Attorneys

Government: Special Assistant Attorney General, State of Mississippi
(1976-1980); Assistant District Attorney, Seventh Circuit Court, State of
Mississippi (1980-1984); Assistant United States Attorney, Southern
District of Mississippi, Office of the United States Attorney, United States
Department of Justice (1984-1985)

Legal Practice: Law Clerk, Community Legal Aid (1972-1973)

Military Service: United States Navy (1973-1976); United States Naval
Reserve (1983-1985)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Federal Bar
Association; Hinds County Bar Association; Magnolia Bar Association; The
Mississippi Bar; Judicial Council, National Bar Association

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Louis Guirola, Jr.
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1951
Education: William Carey 1973 BA; Mississippi 1979 JD
Began Service: April 9, 1996

Government: Assistant District Attorney, 19th Judicial District, District
Attorney's Office (1980-1984); Assistant U.S. Attorney, United States
Attorney's Office (1990-1993)

Chambers of District Judge Louis Guirola, Jr. continued

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western
District of Texas (1993-1996); Magistrate Judge, United States District
Court for the Southern District of Mississippi (1996-2003)

Legal Practice: Associate, Boyce, Holleman & Associates, P.A.
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Keith Starrett
District Judge

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Began Service: January 1, 2005
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Daniel Porter Jordan III
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1964
Education: Mississippi 1987 BBA; Virginia 1993 JD
Began Service: August 2006
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Legal Practice: Associate, Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada,
PLLC (1993-1999); Equity Member, Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens &
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Halil Suleyman Ozerden
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1966
Education: Georgetown 1989 BS; Stanford 1998 JD
Began Service: May 1, 2007
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk, District Judge Eldon E. Fallon, United States
District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (1998-1999)

Legal Practice: Partner, Dukes, Dukes, Keating & Paneca (1999-2007)

Military Service: LT, United States Navy, United States Department of
Defense (1989-1995)

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Dan M. Russell, Jr.
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1913
Education: Mississippi 1935 BA, 1937 JD
Began Service: October 25, 1965
Appointed By: President Lyndon B. Johnson

Government: City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney, City of Waveland,
Mississippi; Attorney, Marine Resources Commission, Marine Resources
Department, State of Mississippi; Attorney, Board of Supervisors, County
of Hancock, Mississippi

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1938-1952); Associate, Russell & Favre
(1952-1965)

Military Service: United States Navy (1941-1945)

Current Memberships: The American Inns of Court; Federal Bar
Association; Federal Judges Association; Federalist Society of Mississippi;
Hancock County Bar Association; The Mississippi Bar

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L. T. Senter, Jr.
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1933
Education: Southern Mississippi 1956 BS; Mississippi 1959 LLB
Began Service: January 1, 1980
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Government: Prosecuting Attorney, State of Mississippi (1960-1964)

Chambers of Senior Judge L. T. Senter, Jr. continued

Judicial: Circuit Judge, Mississippi Circuit Court, First Judicial District
(1968-1979); U.S. Commissioner, United States District Court for the
Northern District of Mississippi (1966-1968)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1959-1961); Partner, Patterson, Senter &
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Current Memberships: Fifth Circuit District Judges Association; The
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Walter J. Gex III
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1939
Education: Mississippi 1962 BBA, 1963 LLB
Began Service: 1986
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Judicial: Special Master, Mississippi Chancery Court, Hancock County

Legal Practice: Associate, Satterfield, Shell, Williams & Buford; Partner,
Gex, Gex & Phillips (1972-1986)

Current Memberships: Federal Bar Association; Fifth Circuit District
Judges Association; The Mississippi Bar

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William H. Barbour, Jr.
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: February 4, 1941
Education: Princeton 1963 BA; Mississippi 1966 JD; NYU 1966
Began Service: April 1983
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Legal Practice: Partner, Henry, Barbour & DeCell (1966-1983)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; The Charles Clark
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